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After seventy gruelling hours of installation and exhaustive testing, the new electronic colour video screen was commissioned at The Saxon Pool for BWSC on Friday 27th February. The board measuring some four metres by three metres and with full RGB colour capabilities is the first to be installed at a 25 metre pool in this country. The installation started on the Monday and once completed the BWSC tekkies spent many hours testing its capabilities with Meet Manager race software and setting up meet templates before its scheduled debut – the prestigious Beds ASA County Championships Long Distance night to be held on Saturday 28th February.

At about 9:30pm on Friday, the tekkies were finally satisfied that all would be well! The only thing that they could not test was the board's compatibility with Beds County's SportSystem race software, but they had been assured that both would work together.

The big night came and the first race got under way, names appeared on the board, the starters hooter went and times started appearing All was well, the board and race software working in unison!

In fact the whole evening went well apart from one minor hitch. Unfortunately the race software played up when recording split times. To rectify this, the program was closed which unfortunately meant that it did not send names to the board for the third heat. This problem was soon sorted out by restarting the software in time for the fourth heat, and normal service was resumed!

All in all the board's debut lived up to their expectations, and the tekkies although wearied by a long week were very satisfied with its success! Their mission now is to make sure the board is used to its full potential for the swimmers and members of the club.